

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of Moorfield, in Hardy county, was presented and read, praying the passage of a law to prevent hogs running at large in the said town.

Also a petition from a number of other inhabitants of the said town, in opposition thereto.

Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harrison county, stating that a law passed some years ago, authorizing the erection of a dam across the west fork of Monongalia river, from the lands of William Barkley, to the lands of David Carpenter, on the opposite shore, for the purpose of erecting iron-works, mills, &c. that the said works are not yet completed, and praying that Benjamin Wilson the present owner, may be authorized to erect the said dam, not exceeding five feet in height, for the purposes aforesaid.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Harrison county, praying that a new county may be formed out of certain parts of the said county, as in the said petition described.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Shenandoah county, praying for a new county to be formed out of certain parts of that county.

Also a petition from a number of other inhabitants of the said county of Shenandoah, in opposition thereto.

Also a petition of James Smith, praying that he may be allowed to establish a ferry from his lands in Kanawha county, across Guyandott river, to his lands on the opposite shore in the said county.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Ohio county, praying that a part of the said county, described in the said petition, may be annexed to Harrison county.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Wood county, praying that the rates of ferriage at Reece Wolfe's ferry, across the little Kanawha river, in the said county, may be raised.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Hampshire county, praying that a law may pass to incorporate a company for erecting a toll bridge across the south branch of Potomac, at David Parsons's ferry, in the said county; and also for discontinuing the said ferry.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the house.

A petition from Nathaniel Anderson, John Harris and Robert Rives, executors of Thomas Anderson, late of Buckingham county, was presented and read, praying for the remission of a fine assessed upon their testator, in his life time, for reasons in the said petition stated.

Also a petition of Jacob Oglesby and Harwood Bacon, inspectors of Tobacco, at Henderson's warehouse and North Milton, in the county of Albemarle, praying an augmentation of their salaries.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of claims; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the house.

A memorial and petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Montgomery, Wythe, Washington and Russell, was presented and read, praying the passage of a law, which may repeal all acts or parts of acts, passed since the year 1776, which sanction, or appear to sanction the revival of the order of Council, to the Loyal Company, in the year 1749, for reasons stated in the said memorial and petition.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to Messrs. Dixon, Smyth, (Wythe) McFerran, Edmiston, E. Harrison, Ellington and McFarlane; That they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the house, by bill or otherwise.

Petitions from the counties of Chesterfield and Powhatan, were received, on the subject of the James river navigation, above and through the great falls and its communication with tide water, being completed by the James river company, according to the original design of the law incorporating that company.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed to examine into and report upon that subject.

Petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Monongalia, Ohio, Harrison and Randolph, on the subject of the claim of the Indiana company, were received.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Jackson, on the same subject.

Ordered, That Mr. Davidson be added to that committee.

And then the house adjourned till to-morrow 12 o'clock.

#### F R I D A Y, December 7th, 1804.

Ordered, That Messrs. Upshur and Westwood, be added to the committee of propositions and grievances; Mr. Kettle, to the committee of claims, and Messrs. Dulany, Hudgins and Simons, to the committee of privileges and elections.

A communication from the Senate by their clerk.

The Senate have appointed a committee on the part of their House, to examine, jointly with a committee appointed on the part of the House of Delegates, the expenditure of the executive department, during the last year.

They have also agreed to the several resolutions of the House of Delegates, to proceed on to-morrow, by joint ballot with the Senate, to the choice of a Governor of this commonwealth, for one year, next ensuing, and to the election of a Senator to represent this state, in the Senate of the United States, to supply the vacancy which will be occasioned by the expiration of the term of service of William B. Giles, on the third of March next.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded by joint ballot with the Senate, to the choice of a Governor or Chief Magistrate, of this commonwealth, for one year; and the members having prepared tickets, and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Messrs. Johnston, Downing, Baytop, Miller, (Goochland) Clarke, Mills, Simons, Walker, (Charles City) Perrow, Upshur and Taylor, (New-Kent) were named a committee to meet a committee from the Senate, and jointly with them, examine the ballots and report to the house, on whom a majority of votes should fall; the committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the house, and Mr. Johnston reported, that the committee had, according to order, met a committee from the Senate, and jointly with them, examined the ballots, and had found a majority of the whole number of votes in favor of John Page, Esq.

The house, according to the further order of the day, proceeded by joint ballot with the Senate, to the choice of a Senator, to represent this state, in the Senate of the United States, to supply the vacancy which will be occasioned by the expiration of the term of service of William B. Giles, on the third of March next; and the members having prepared tickets and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Messrs. Barbour, Edwards, Coleman, (Fitzsylvania) E. Jones, Southall, Hudgins, Ingles, Leake and Cheatham, were named a committee to meet a committee from the Senate, and jointly with them, examine the ballots, and report to the house, to whom a majority of votes should fall. The committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the house, and Mr. Barbour reported, that the committee had, according to order, met a committee from the Senate, and jointly with them, examined the ballots, and had found a majority of the whole number of votes in favor of William B. Giles, Esq.

The following gentlemen were named a committee on the part of this house, to wait on his Excellency John Page, and inform him of his appointment to the office of Governor or Chief Magistrate of this commonwealth, for the ensuing year; Messrs. Johnston, Hill, Maclin, Travis, Hoce, Otey, Purdie and Pendleton.

Mr. Barbour reported from the committee of privileges and elections, that the committee had, according to order, had under their consideration, the petition of Jacob Kettle, to them referred, had agreed upon a report and come to a resolution thereupon, which he handed in at the clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the house, as follows:

It appears to your committee, that Christopher Lamberton, had a good vote and voted for Jacob Kettle; that Samuel Currence, voted for William Wilson, and voted but once, and knows no other Samuel Currence, holding lands in Randolph county; that Josiah Campfield had a good vote and voted for Jacob Kettle; that Jacob Baker had a good vote and voted for Jacob Kettle; that Abraham Wills had a good vote and voted for Jacob Kettle; That George Kettle

had a good vote and voted for Jacob Kettle; that Mark Grymes had a good vote and voted for Jacob Kettle; that Nicholas Marstutter's vote should be substituted in the room of Jacob Kettle's; that Peter Hucker's title to vote was a good one, and that he voted for Jacob Kettle; that John Corrick's vote was a good one, and that he voted for Jacob Kettle; that Abraham Ingram's vote was illegal and void, and that he voted for Jacob Kettle; that the vote of Abraham Ingram, jun. was good, and that he voted for Jacob Kettle; that Thomas Cade's vote was a good one, and that he voted for Jacob Kettle; that the vote of James Norman, was illegal and void and that he voted for William Wilson; that William Smith's vote was improperly taken for William Wilson, and ought to be placed on the poll taken for Jacob Kettle.

Resolved, Therefore, as the opinion of this committee, that the poll ought to stand thus—

For Jacob Kettle,	86
For William Wilson,	83

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And that Jacob Kettle was duly elected to represent the county of Randolph in this present General Assembly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "To prevent slaves being brought into this state;" and that Messrs. Barbour, Maclin, E. Harrison, Blake, Ker, Madison, Johnston and Powell, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "Further to amend the penal laws of this commonwealth;" and that Messrs. Smyth, (Wythe) Malory, E. Boyd, Davison, Semple, Byrd, Henning and Du-Val, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "To extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace;" and that Messrs. Byrd, Prunty, Edwards, Congleton, McFerran, Dashiell, Henning, Goodwyn and Otey, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "To amend the act, to prevent the circulation of private bank notes;" and that Messrs. Lee, Peake, Ker, Moore, Dixon and Jones, (Nettoway) do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "For the relief of special bail in certain cases," and that Messieurs Du-Val, E. Harrison, Barbour, Stuart, Baker and Davison do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "For the relief of insolvent debtors and for other purposes," and that Messrs. Barbour, Moor, Dulany, Hill, S. Boyd and Jennings, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill, "To amend the act for regulating conveyances," and that Messieurs Byrd, Hawes, Singleton, Crockett, Sebrall, Raffner, and Lee, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry persons interested in a company styled the loyal company, in opposition to one heretofore read and referred, signed by Francis Smith, agent for the said company, was received, and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petitions on the subject of the loyal company's claim.

Also a petition from a number of owners and captains of craft navigating the Appomattox river, praying, for reasons in the said petition stated, some alterations in the law, incorporating the company for opening the navigation of the lower part of the said river.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Harrison county, praying that so much of a law passed in the year 1802, giving an additional reward for killing wolves, so far as the same relates to that county, may be repealed.

Also a petition from a number of the other inhabitants of the said county, in opposition thereto.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown, in Jefferson county, was presented and read, praying the passage of a law, authorizing them to raise a sum of money by way of lottery, to be applied to the purpose of bringing water into the said town by canals and pipes, and purchasing a fire engine.

Also a petition from James Crawson, stating that he purchased a lot of ground in the town of Wheeling, in Ohio county, when he was an alien, which is escheatable on that account to the Commonwealth, and praying relief from the legislature.

Also a petition from Lodowick McCarrol, to the same effect with the one last stated.

Also a petition from Alexander Wills and others, praying that they may be allowed to receive tolls from persons passing the bridge built by them over Buffalo creek, in Brooke county, until they are indemnified for building the said bridge, or until the court of Brooke county will agree to receive the said bridge as a county bridge, and indemnify the proprietors, the petitioners, by assessing the balance in the county levy.

Also a memorial from the overseers of the poor of King George county, stating that from a number of circumstances, which are particularly detailed in the said memorial, the said overseers have been prevented from carrying into effect, the law prescribing their duties, and praying the interference of the legislature.

Also a petition from the Justices of King George county, praying certain amendments in the laws relating to the appointment and duties of overseers of the poor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee for courts of justice, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same with their opinion thereupon to the house.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of Botetourt, Monroe, Greenbrier and Bath counties, praying that a new county may be formed out of certain parts of the said counties, was presented and read.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying that a new county may be formed out of the western end of the said county, including a small part of the counties of Monroe and Tazewell.

Also a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne, and their vicinities, in opposition to a petition heretofore presented on the subject of preventing the destruction of fish by prohibiting the hauling of the seine during certain seasons of the year.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Propositions and Grievances, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same with their opinion thereupon to the house.

A petition from the inspectors of Tobacco in the town of Petersburg was presented and read, praying that they may be allowed to turn tobacco to the shippers out of the gates of the warehouses at a price not less than 17 cents; and praying also for an increase of salary.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of claims, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon to the house.

A petition was presented and read from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Washington, Wythe and Grayson, praying that a new county may be formed out of certain parts of the said counties.

Also a petition from Edward Gantt of George town, in the district of Columbia, praying that he may be allowed to remove certain slaves into the state of Virginia.